

# MURDER AND SUICIDE AT DAWN

Aldo Vambonie lies in wait for James Ferrara and shoots him through the head, wounds Mrs. Ferrara, probably fatally, fires three shots at their little child and then fires bullet into his brain--the act of a drink-crazed man for the love of a woman. Inquest is being held late this afternoon by Acting Coroner Fagan.

A double killing, with a third victim hovering on the verge of between life and death, took place in Tonopah this morning, the result of illicit passion of a man for the wife of another. Aldo Vambonie, the murderer, met the death of a suicide after he had killed James Ferrara and shot the latter's wife through the brain.

It occurred this morning at 7 o'clock. Mr. Ferrara was about to start for his place of business and had just kissed his wife and little daughter goodbye, when there came a rap at the back door. As he opened it, Vambonie pressed in and shot Ferrara through the head, killing him instantly.

Vambonie then emptied the shells from his gun and reloaded the weapon. He placed the muzzle to his right temple and fell dead. The police were quickly on the scene. The little girl told a somewhat rational story to the officers, narrating the incidents, but she became hysterical immediately afterwards and is now in a serious condition.

The bodies of the two men were taken to the morgue and Mrs. Ferrara was removed to the Mine Operators' hospital. An x-ray photograph

was taken and the bullet located, but has not yet been removed.

Mr. Ferrara was a native of Italy and was aged about 43 years. He is proprietor of the Reno bar but a few days ago purchased, with two associates, the Casino. He has always borne a good reputation in the neighborhood, where he resided for a number of years. Mrs. Ferrara, also a native of Italy, is aged 29.

Vambonie, a year or more ago, is said to have become infatuated with Mrs. Ferrara, which caused enmity between him and the man he murdered.

For his unwelcome attentions he was run out of town by the police, but returned a short time ago and went to work in one of the mines. He got off shift at 2 o'clock this morning and began drinking heavily. He said that he did not want to live any longer, but that he would do something before he died. It is evident, from the footprints in the snow at the rear of the house, that he had been waiting a long time for Mr. Ferrara to get up.

Acting Coroner Fagan summoned the following jury to hold an inquest

over the bodies of the two men: Sam Fox, J. J. Hill, Frank Harma, I. W. McMillen, C. J. Belmont and George Pierce. At 2 o'clock they viewed the bodies at the morgue and, returning to the justice court, the taking of testimony was begun by the acting coroner.

At a late hour this afternoon Mrs. Ferrara was operated on. The bullet was found lodged in the base of the brain, it having ranged downward after entering just above her right eye. Dr. McLeod says she has a reasonable chance to recover.

## GENERAL CARRANZA DEEMED RESPONSIBLE

Provisional Ruler did not Give the Americans Adequate Protection

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The state department has evidence that indicates that Carranza had assured the Americans killed at Santa Ysabel that an escort was unnecessary. Many concurred, but some suggested that it would be safer to send troops. A general passport was given the party. Developments are taken to point to the responsibility of Carranza for not adequately protecting the Americans.

## THOMAS J. LYNCH TO RECEIVE APPOINTMENT

WILL BE DEPUTY REVENUE COLLECTOR WITH HEADQUARTERS IN TONOPAH

Word has been received from Senator Pittman that he and Senator Newlands have recommended to President Wilson the appointment of Thomas J. Lynch of this city as deputy internal revenue collector, with headquarters in Tonopah.

Such a recommendation is practically equivalent to nomination by the president, and such nominations are in nearly every instance confirmed by the senate. The salary attached to the position is said to be \$2,900 a year. This is a new deputyship, as hitherto the work of the internal revenue department has been conducted from Reno and Carson City. The establishment of this office makes it all the more imperative that Tonopah have a federal building.

## COURT DISMISSES CONTEMPT PROCEEDING

GOOD ADVICE GIVEN BY JUDGE AVERILL TO CONTENDING PARTIES

In the case of Louisa Irwin, plaintiff, versus J. C. Tognoni, et al, defendants, on charge of contempt, Judge Averill Saturday afternoon rendered a decision dismissing the charge of contempt for violation of decree in the above entitled cause, assessing each contestant his own costs. In rendering this decision Judge Averill gave the following paternal advice from the bench:

"It is about time that the users of water on Duckwater creek get together and act in harmony, as there is water enough for all if used judiciously and with regard to each other's welfare. It is not at all necessary that everyone should be demanding his full allotment the same day. The time has come too when the putting under cultivation of new land should cease except where there is an abandonment of an equal amount of old land and when full precaution is taken to enable irrigation water to reach the stream again. It is not necessary either that water should be allowed to run all the time on grass land merely because it does not injure such

## STRIKERS CLOSE DOWN GARMENT FACTORIES

DEMAND A LIVING WAGE AND IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Garment workers numbering about six thousand have struck and two hundred and fifty factories are closed. Most of the strikers are women and girls. The factories are picketed. Their demands include a minimum wage of six dollars a week for women and eight for men and better working conditions.

## PLANS NEUTRAL ZONE IN NORTHERN MEXICO

SENATOR GORE INTRODUCES A RESOLUTION IN SENATE TODAY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The establishment of neutral zone in northern Mexico to be jointly policed by the forces of Mexico and the United States, unless the disorders are speedily controlled is proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Gore. It was referred to the committee on foreign relations. There was no discussion.

## PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS

(By Associated Press.) ROME, Jan. 17.—The Italian National assembly says that the Serbian government will have headquarters at Brindisi for some time.

## RECOVERS FROM ACCIDENT

Jane Johns, who fell on the ice on University street Friday morning and was thought to be seriously injured, is feeling little effects of the fall and is able to be out again.

land to let it do so, a very effective method of contributing to the underground flow of the valley which as yet is of no use to anyone. Nor is it necessary or proper to be demanding the full allotment when that much water cannot be economically disposed of. In other words, a little give and take in a friendly way would help materially, while give and take in an unfriendly way will result in nothing but trouble and expense."

## RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IN NORTH GROWING

Report that Montenegrins Agree Unconditionally to Lay Down Arms

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 17.—Russian operations in the Caucasus are growing. Following the announcement from Constantinople that the Russian offensive with a hundred mile front south of Aras has been inaugurated, comes an official Turkish report saying that the Turks in the Caucasus have withdrawn their advance positions for miles in places. It appears that a Russian drive into the interior is being attempted.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Jan. 17.—The Overseas News agency has announced that Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, has announced in Hungarian parliament that Montenegro asked for peace. Montenegro was asked unconditionally to lay down its arms. She accepted, the premier asserted, according to the agency.

## ACCIDENT WAS DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES

OFFICIALS MAKE INVESTIGATION OF FATAL EXPLOSION IN SUBMARINE

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Officials are investigating the explosion in the E-2, which caused four deaths and the injury of ten. They are convinced that the accident was due to natural causes. Three of the men are in a critical condition.

## RELIEF IN SIGHT FOR BRITISH GARRISON

REINFORCEMENTS ATTACK THE TURKS AND DRIVE THEM BACK SIX MILES

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 17.—Relief is apparently in sight for the British that are surrounded at Kutelamara in Mesopotamia. It was announced today in the house that the relief column defeated the Turks near Waddi, and drove them back six miles.

## LAD INJURED IN A COASTING ACCIDENT

Walter Anderson, son of Prof. Anderson of the high school, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon. Walter was coasting on Brougher avenue with a crowd of boys and girls when his sled collided with the one in front. A piece of steel ran into the thigh, lacerating it badly. Sixteen stitches were put into the tear.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Herman Wolssen was operated upon today by Dr. McLeod for gangrene of the bowels. He is in a critical condition.

## HAMPERED IN SNOW

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Jan. 17.—Sixteen inhabitants of Lens were killed or wounded by the enemy's artillery. Military activity on the eastern front is hampered by snow.

## COMMUNICATION IS SEVERED BY STORM

HEAVY RAIN STORM LEAVES LOS ANGELES CUT OFF FROM WORLD

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—Street car and railroad traffic is demoralized with the result that there has not been a train since Saturday night. Washouts have delayed passenger trains from the north and east. Street car service between Los Angeles, Pasadena, Alhambra and other suburban towns is severed.

## RAILROAD COMMISSION IS GIVEN POWERS

PAVES WAY FOR ACQUISITION UNDER RIGHT EMINENT DOMAIN

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The supreme court has held valid that part of the public utilities act empowering the railroad commission to value utilities in proceedings for their acquisition by the public under the right of eminent domain. The commission's right to fix the aggregate value instead of that of the systems' component parts is also upheld.

## FIRE RENDERS ONE THOUSAND HOMELESS

GOVERNOR ASKED TO SEND THE MILITIA TO TAKE CHARGE OF SITUATION

(By Associated Press.) OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 17.—Fire virtually destroyed the business section of Wrist. One thousand persons are homeless. Citizens have asked the governor to send militia to take charge of the situation.

EDWARD A. JAMES left yesterday for San Francisco, where he expects to reside.

## TODAY AND A YEAR AGO

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:

	1916	1915
5 a. m.	27	14
9 a. m.	29	14
12 noon	30	23
2 p. m.	32	30
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.	92 per cent.	

## HEAVIEST STORM IN YEARS DOES DAMAGE

DOWNPOUR AT SAN BERNARDINO BRINGS TRAFFIC TO STANDSTILL

(By Associated Press.) SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 17.—Several towns in the valley are partly flooded, bridges are damaged and electric power plants have been forced to shut down by the worst storm in several years. Street car and railroad traffic is at a standstill. Water is flowing through the lower streets of Rialto. The uplands are threatened.

## SENTENCE PASSED ON W. W. BOOTH

APPLICATION MADE FOR BAIL PENDING PROCEEDINGS ON APPEAL

Judge Walsh this afternoon sentenced W. W. Booth, editor and manager of the Bonanza to six months in the county jail on the charge of gross misdemeanor, he having been convicted of libel. His attorney Milton M. Detch then made application for bail pending appeal proceedings. The matter came up at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

## CORONATION GIFT

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, Jan. 17.—King George's coronation gift to Emperor Yoshihito is a beautiful bay horse which arrived a few days ago at the imperial stables from India. The horse is Franconi by Hippodrome out of Royal Hampton. Some of the best English racing blood runs in his veins, and as a three-year-old he, himself, won a race at Doncaster. Taken to India for racing, he was purchased at a high price by the Indian government for stud purposes.

## PRESIDENT IS OPPOSED TO MRS. PANKHURST'S EXCLUSION

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Pankhurst, under parole in New York under the immigration authorities, will be formally admitted to the United States after certain papers arrive. President Wilson is opposed to her exclusion.

## BELGIUM IS SUFFERING HEAVILY FROM FLOODS

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 17.—Reports indicate that Belgium is suffering heavily from floods, especially South of Flanders. The Scheidt is rising. Walen, Gavere, Syngen and Schelderode are inundated.

## GERMAN BARBARITIES SHOWN TO THE POPE

BELGIUM PRIMATE ON MYSTERIOUS VISIT TO HEAD OF THE CHURCH

(By Associated Press.) ROME, Jan. 17.—Cardinal Mercier, the Belgium primate, spent an hour with the Pope. He maintained the strictest reserve regarding a big bundle of papers which he took to the Pope. "Ecclesiastical matters," is all he would say in reference to the papers. It is reported that the documents contained a village to village survey of conditions in Belgium, and alleged continued German barbarities.

## CALEDONIA CLUB IS BEING ORGANIZED

COMMITTEE IS WORKING FOR A CELEBRATION OF "BOBBIE BURNS" DAY

Through the efforts of many of Tonopah's representative citizens a Caledonian club is in the making. There are a number of Scotchmen and descendants of Scotch in this vicinity and as they are beyond the question of a doubt, all good, hard working, faithful men, prompt to act and wide-awake, there is no reason that such a club will not be a success.

The first event planned by these Scotchmen is a Burns' day. Too much praise cannot be given them for such an undertaking. Burns, the man who has brought us so close to nature, the man who saw beauty in a daisy, sorrow in the fact that a field mouse should be disturbed, etc., deserves a day of celebration, not only by the Scotch, but by every human being as well.

Thomas Lindsay was chosen chairman of the committee and with the help of the rest of Tonopah's Scotchmen a splendid program is promised in memory of our beloved "Bobby Burns."

## DIPLOMATS ARRIVE

(By Associated Press.) BRINDISI, Italy, Jan. 17.—Forty members of the Serbian government have arrived, accompanied by diplomats of the allied powers accredited to King Peter.

## BUTLER THEATRE

The House of Exclusive Features  
**TONIGHT**  
"BLACK FEAR"  
A Powerful Portrayal of the Insidious Growth of the Cocaine Evil and its Menace to Modern Society. Many Interesting Scenes of New York City  
**PATHE WEEKLY**  
**TOMORROW**  
"THE ARAB"  
A Lasky Production, with Edgar Selwyn and Thodors Roberts. Taken in the heart of the Great American Desert  
Paramount Travel Pictures  
Matinee, 1:30 Night, 7—8:30  
Admission, 10c and 15c